

The Calling

Rev. Jessica Moffatt Seay, Senior Pastor

First Friends

Have you ever been in church and asked yourself, "I wonder who that couple is two pews down and one row over?" Have you ever thought, "I know I've seen that person in church before, but I have no idea who it is?"

If you've asked yourself these questions and other questions about who's in worship, that may be your call to be a First Church friend—whether at 8:30, 10:50, or in EPIC. Are you willing to be that someone who goes over, introduces yourself, and simply says: "I don't think we've met. I'm _____."?

Many persons who visit our church are just waiting for our members to show them a measure of friendliness and introduce ourselves. And, in fact, when we don't introduce ourselves, visiting worshipers are likely to think, "They've got a nice church, but I'm not sure they want me (us) to be part of it."

We will have an organizational meeting and brief training session for "First Friends" on Monday evening, August 17 at 6:00 in the Colvert Ministry Center Room 116 (east room). Come and bring a snack. A nursery is available. We need YOU to be a First Church friend!

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Jimmie Garner is about to have a birthday. He will turn 95 on August 21st. You can't miss Jimmie in the 10:50 sanctuary service. He is there most every Sunday. He usually rides the shuttle and gets into the sanctuary early enough to greet the rest of us.

In order for you to fully appreciate the importance of Jimmie's birthday, let me describe for you the significant contribution of Jimmie Garner to his nation. I lingered long with Jimmie on Tuesday afternoon during a visit to the Veteran's Center to see those from our church who live there.

Jimmie was born in 1914 in Bloomberg, Texas. His dad worked in the oil fields and his mom worked hard at home. He says that he gave his life to Christ at the age of 17 when a preacher at a Baptist revival gave the invitation to believe. He remarked, "The Lord has been with me through everything." If you sit with Jimmie very long, you will see that it is true.

Jimmie joined the Army at the age of 27. He was single and said that he knew he would be drafted soon anyway. "I might as well join before they call!" He trained for almost a year at Fort Clark and remarked that the training was extensive and saved many, many lives. He served in the Army for "four years, eight months and eight days."

The big wall above the bed in Jimmie's room is covered in memories. There is a photo of him as a young soldier. He has broad shoulders and a confident smile. There are commemorations and honors. There are framed newspaper clippings. There are framed photos of you, his church member friends, from a big party you threw for him not long ago. There is picture of him with Charline, his wife of 59 years who died only three years ago. There is a picture of Larry Smith, our member who comes to visit so often that he is like family to Jimmie. There are pictures of children and grandchildren, beautiful family portraits.

In the middle of the wall is a mahogany shadowbox in which he keeps his medals. There are about ten of them. The ones he began to talk about were the two bronze stars. He began to talk about them, then couldn't. And that's when he quietly revealed the true sacrifice that Jimmie made for our nation.

After Jimmie entered the military, his two younger brothers followed his lead. *Inspired by him*, they signed up.

He came home. They did not. Of his parents' three sons who went to war, only one returned alive.

Wish Jimmie Garner a happy 95th birthday.

And thank him for his part in giving us the great gift of freedom.


Jessica

Televised from the Sanctuary at
10:50am on Cable One, Channel 7

8:30 AM
McClure Chapel

Broadcast from the Sanctuary at
11:00am on KVSQ AM 1240

11:00 AM
Sanctuary



UMM
Sunday
August 16th
6:00pm
Colvert Ministry Center
Menu: Mixed Grill
Speaker: Eddie Funderburg

Girl's Night Out

Sunday
August 16th
6:00pm

Luigi's

Susan Wood President



Sunday's Music

This Sunday is the **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**. It is our Discovery Weekend when many of our Senior High youth lead our Junior High youth in a weekend of Spiritual enrichment. In the Discovery Sunday Celebration, 8:30 worship will be in the sanctuary, and 10:50 and EPIC worship services will be combined in the Sanctuary! Our worship leaders will help us know and celebrate what God has been doing in their lives throughout their weekend together. There will be guitars, percussion, singers and a video projection screen to help us in our celebration. It will be a time of excitement you won't want to miss! Really!!

Shalom, *Bob*

College Scholarships and Loans Available

Once again it's time for students to head back to school. Members of this church who are enrolling in a college or university may apply for one of two scholarship opportunities offered through the generosity of former members. Irene Woods and Dorothy Merlyn each left endowments to create a scholarship fund. Every year scholarships are awarded to First United Methodist Church members majoring in religion or nursing. These scholarships are awarded by our Board of Trustees. The amounts of the scholarships will vary from year-to-year depending on investment income.

In order to be considered for the Woods-Merlyn Scholarships, a student should apply with a letter containing a brief autobiography and a copy of your college enrollment and previous year's transcript. Send your letter to the church to the attention of the Board or Trustees.

This church is also blessed by another former member. Gladys Berry left a trust at BancFirst to be used as a loan fund by First United Methodist Church members pursuing a degree of higher education. Applications for loans may be obtained from the trust department at the bank. Terms of repayment are extremely generous.

There are a few restrictions that apply to each of these higher education opportunities. If you have any questions, please call Pat Castellow in the church business office at 223-5390 Ext 303.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, Aug 16 Discovery Sunday
 8:30 am Discovery Worship / Sanctuary
 9:30 am Sunday Morning Live
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Discovery Worship / Sanctuary
 6:00 pm UMM
 6:00 pm Girl's Night Out
 7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery

Monday, Aug 17
 1:00 pm Clothes Closet Opens
 6:00 pm First Friends Training

Tuesday, Aug 18
 10:30 am Elmbrook Service
 12:00 pm Noon Prayer
 6:00 pm Mission Ministry

Wednesday, Aug 19
 9:00 am Clothes Closet Opens
 5:30 pm Prayer Ambassadors
 6:15 pm Worship / Colvert Ministry Center
 7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery
 7:00 pm Mid-Week Youth
 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Aug 20
 1:00 pm XYZ Mah Jongg
 6:30 pm DivorceCare

Saturday, Aug 22
 9:00 am Stephen Ministry Retreat
 9:00 am Volunteer / Parent Children's Ministry Meeting
 9:30 am Rio Bravo Mission Meeting

*Jr. & Sr. High Youth
 Cancelled
 Sunday Evening
 August 16th*

Dates to Remember:

Sept 7	Labor Day / Church Closed
Sept 13	Round-Up Rally
Sept 24-27	Men's Emmaus Walk
Oct 1-4	Women's Emmaus Walk
Oct 30	Fall Fest
Nov 1	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov 26	Thanksgiving
Nov 26-27	Church Closed
Dec 13	Jr. High Progressive Dinner
Dec 20	Sr. High Progressive Dinner
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Worship
Dec 25	Christmas

Dear Members and Friends,

Thank you for all your thoughts, prayers, phone calls and visits during my recent, unexpected hospitalization.

Sincerely,
Harry Spring

Volunteer Opportunities

As the recovery and rebuilding continues from the Feb. 10th Lone Grove Tornado, there have been three projects identified that need volunteers to work on. They are:

1. Install the skirting around a trailer house-- The skirting kit has been purchased and is on site, it needs to be cut and installed.
2. Installing a chain link fence around a piece of property--All the material has been purchased and is on site. The project has already been started and just needs finished.
3. Property cleanup--There is a trailer house that was destroyed and needs cleaned up--Approximately 70% of this work has been completed and just needs finished. Work will mainly be removing the flooring from the frame, separating some wood from metal, and putting debris in a roll off dumpster. The dumpster will be on site.

All three projects are completely financed and only require the volunteer time to complete the project. None of the three projects have to be done in one day, but all three could easily be completed in one day. The tools needed can be used from our ERT Trailer.

This is an excellent opportunity for a Sunday School Class, Bible Study Group, Reunion Group, Small Group, Civic Group, Business Group or just a bunch of "Caring Souls" to give back to a community that is still feeling the effects of this disaster. Please be in prayer over these opportunities.

For more information, contact Terry Myer at 580-223-8377, or 580-490-6914(c)

Help needed at the Clothes Closet!

Work Behind-the-Scenes sorting clothes or work during open hours. Two hours per month, or, substitute occasionally. Contact Marilyn Edwards at 223-5469.

FOCUS ON FOLKS

In the Hospital, or recently dismissed: *If you, or someone you know, is in the hospital please contact the church office.*

Sunday School Greeters for August:

Main Building - WESLEY

Colvert Ministry Center - SEEKERS

Memorials:

In memory of **Judy Venters** a contribution to the Memorial Fund has been received from:

Dale and Adolphine Holt

Communion Now Offered After EPIC

We are continuing our tradition of serving Holy Communion in the Carlock Chapel after the 10:50 a.m. service each non-Communion Sunday. However, we are adding a second location for the ease of those who attend EPIC worship. Each Sunday that Communion is not served in the worship service, it will be offered in (what we are now calling) the EPIC Upper Room. The room is located in the Colvert Ministry Center and is accessed by the staircase next to the sound board. If you can't make the stairs check with the sound and video technicians.



Prayer Chain

To place a prayer request with the FUMC Prayer Chain ministry please call:

Lenny Frank at 465-7515

Wadell & Sheila Altom at 223-7272

**Joann Keithley at 223-0062 or
joannkeithley@sbcglobal.net**

**Mary Lou Fisher at
223-6898 (H)
223-9367 (W)**

DIVORCE *Care*

The sixth session of DivorceCare will start August 20th. We meet Thursdays @ 6:30pm for 13 weeks in the Colvert Ministry Center. We need volunteers for weekly snacks/food. Some of our members are driving from Lawton, Ada, Temple, and Duncan and the food you bring is dinner for them. If you would like to bless us with a meal or a monetary donation, please contact Lesa Price @ 580-465-7090. Thank You So Much!

Stephen Ministry

What is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is grounded in Jesus' command to love one another. Through one-to-one caring relationships, those who are hurting receive the love and care they need to support them.

- > Is life more than you can handle alone right now?
- > Is your health, your attitude, or your relationships suffering?
- > Are you adjusting to a new job, a new baby, change in marital status, a serious illness, the death of a loved one, or a recent move?
- > Would you like to have someone in your life to give you extra support right now?

Everyone goes through difficult times. Having someone to care, to listen, and to share God's love with you can help you get through the confusion, stress, or loneliness you may be experiencing. Contact Louise Daniels 226-5524 or Rev. Dan Patman 223-5390 X308.



Children's Day Out

Begins August 31st!
 Places still available in all classes!
 6 months to 4 years!
 Call Julie 223-3590 ext 318 or 226-5760
 for additional information

DISCOVERY SUNDAY

August 16th

8:30am & 11:00am

ALL Worship Services

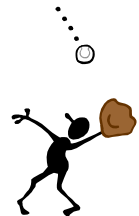
will be held in the Sanctuary.

First UMC 2009 Men's Softball Schedule

June 1st	9:30p field 1 vs. Lone Grove Assembly of God	Ⓜ
June 8th	6:30p field 2 vs. Emmanuel Baptist	Ⓛ
June 15th	9:30p field 3 vs. Milo Baptist	Ⓜ
June 29th	9:30p field 2 vs. Maranatha	Ⓛ
July 6th	6:30p field 3 vs. Lone Grove Assembly of God 8:30p field 2 vs. Faith Center	Ⓛ Ⓜ
July 13th	7:30p field 2 vs. Emmanuel Baptist	Ⓛ
July 20th	6:30p field 4 vs. Milo Baptist	Ⓜ
July 27th	9:30p field 3 vs. Faith Center	ⓔ
Aug 3rd	6:30p field 2 vs. Maranatha	Ⓛ

It Was a Great Season

The final game of the season began in what has become a very usual way, we won the coin toss and were the home team (somewhat an advantage). It was an early game (hot, hot sun in the west) and we had some key players away at camp which means that some players were playing at unfamiliar positions. That being said we took the field with only nine players. A summary of play would go like this: we had some fine infield play; we had some fine outfield play; we had pitching and we had catching; we had very enthusiastic fans; we had *cracking of the bats*; we scored runs, just not enough to win. If you missed the games you missed a very good opportunity to watch some really fine softball and mingle with terrific and highly motivated fans. It truly was a great season. Perhaps we'll see you there next year? We'll bring some cool water just for YOU.



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Loaves &
 Fishes

August
 Corn

14-16 ounce can

Or you may donate money
 to the emergency fund